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- 25X1 c. The 41st Thomas Garrigue Masaryk Air Regiment [] is stationed at the No. 9 Aviation Base. The regiment consists of three squadrons having ten C-3 Siebel planes each. The C-3 Siebel is powered by two 460 hp engines which enable a speed in level flight of 240 km per hour. The crew consists of a pilot, a navigator, and a radio operator, and if the plane is armed, two gunners are added to the crew. The C-3 Siebel plane was manufactured in Czechoslovakia after the war but production has been stopped.
- d. Each squadron has three combat planes, three bombers, three unarmed planes for photography, and one training plane. The combat planes and the bombers are equipped with two flexibly-mounted machine guns, one on top of the fuselage and the other projecting from the right side. The planes of the first squadron bear the letters "NZ" on the fuselage, the second squadron "PT", and the third "PU".
- e. The regiment also has the following planes which are at the disposal of the squadrons for courier flights or similar purposes:
- 1) Two C 2 Arados, armed with machine guns.
 - 2) Three K 65 Storchs, not armed.
 - 3) One K 68 Piper Cub, not armed.

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- h. After hours, planes and traffic are checked by a special guard consisting of one commanding officer and twelve men. They are armed with heavy machine guns for intercepting illegal flights. Because of a scarcity of hangars nearly all the planes of the 41st Air Regiment are parked on the airfield. During reconstruction of the airfield, the regiment, which was training in night flying, was compelled for security reasons to transfer to Havlickuv Brod, where the airfield is also equipped for night flying.

3. Plzen Airfield (No. 6 Aviation Base).

- a. An artillery squadron is located here; its function is to work with the artillery as a mobile observer. This artillery squadron is the only one of its kind in Czechoslovakia and is directly subordinate to the Ministry of National Defense and the General Staff of the Air Force. The squadron consists of 20-30 men in active service.

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2) Planes:

- a) 20 K-68 Piper Cubs. This plane is a high-wing monoplane seating two, powered by a 75 hp engine, and equipped with a receiving and sending radio. It is unarmed and has a speed of 120 km per hour.
- b) 6 K-65 Fischler Storchs. The Storch is a known German type with 240 hp.
- c) 2 C-6 Bu-281. This plane is equipped with a 105 hp engine furnishing a speed of 160 km per hour. It is used as a courier and acrobatic plane.

3) Firing ranges:

- a) Kynzvalt-Litrbachy ("Cisersky les" area near Karlovy Vary and Merianske Lazne).
- b) Boletice-Kunzvalt (Knizeci Plane area near Krumlov).
- c) In the area of the Erdy forests near Beroun.
- d) Zekupy-Ceska Lipa-Mimon.
- e) Area near Dedice-Vyskov.

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These firing ranges are situated mostly in wooded districts and are off-limits to all civilians.

- 4) Cooperation between the artillery squadron and the artillery on the firing ranges has been ordered. The K-65 Storch is used to transport fuel to the other craft. The airfield, which is usually one to two flight hours from the firing range, is established on a convenient field and is supplied with all necessary equipment. The personnel live in tents, and the auxiliary personnel perform guard duty with Russian-type machine guns.
- 5) The transmitting sets used by the artillery squadron are under the constant supervision of the DOZ officer. The sets are repaired only in Prague; they are of a new type but do not seem to be satisfactory since they are frequently in disrepair.

25X1 b. A fighter regiment [] is also stationed at the Plzen airfield. The regiment consists of three squadrons, each having about ten Me-109's. Each plane is armed with four 12.77 mm machine guns. The regiment consists of 300 men, of which only 80-100 are in active service. Major Josef Vosatko is the Commanding Officer, but he serves only in the capacity of pilot and does not handle administrative matters. No night flights are performed by this regiment.

- c. An SNB unit is stationed at the airfield; it is provided with three Me-109's and two K-65 Storchs. The planes are armed and always in readiness for dispatch. The Storchs are equipped with machine guns, model 44.

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